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SUBJECT: COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF DOCUMENTATION FOR
SCIENCE MINISTERIAL

REFS: (A) STATE 126913, (B) STATE 127865

1. COUNCIL AGREED DURING JUNE 3 MEETING THAT SECRETARY
GENERAL SHOULD ISSUE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS FOR SCIENCE
MINISTERIAL WITHOUT REVISION ON HIS OWN RESPONSIBILITY.
THERE WAS NO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION FOLLOWING STATE-
MENTS BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS THAT COUNCIL CONSIDERATION
WAS UNNECESSARY, SINCE DOCUMENTS HAD BEEN APPROVED BY
CSTP AND WOULD BE ISSUED ON SECRETARY-GENERAL'S (RATHER
THAN COUNCIL'S) RESPONSIBILITY.

2. COMMUNIQUE WAS NOT DISCUSSED, SINCE SECRETARIAT HAD
EARLIER DECIDED TO REMOVE IT FROM JUNE 3 AGENDA AND TO
POSTPONE DISCUSSION UNTIL NEXT WEEK. CRITICIZING OTHER
SECRETARIAT DOCUMENTS FOR THEIR LACK OF FOCUS AND CLARITY
SEVERAL DELEGATIONS POINTED TO IMPORTANCE OF PRODUCING
A CLEAR COMMUNIQUE UNDERSTANDABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.
EMPHASIZING LATTER POINT, US DELEGATES NOTED THAT US
HAD SUBMITTED ALTERNATIVE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE TO SECRETAR-
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IAT. COUNCIL AGREED TO HIS PROPOSAL THAT DRAFTING GROUP

BE SET UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PRODUCE COMMUNIQUE INCORPORATING US SUGGESTION AS WELL AS THOSE OF OTHER DELEGATIONS. AT US INSISTENCE, SECRETARIAT AGREED THAT FULL US DRAFT WOULD BE TABLED ALONG WITH SECRETARIAT DRAFT IN COMMUNIQUE DRAFTING GROUP WHICH WILL MEET MONDAY JUNE 9.

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